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Letter dated 4 June 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Mozambique to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In my capacity as the representative of the current Chairman of the African Union, I have the honour to transmit herewith a communiqué concerning the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo issued by the 11th meeting of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union, held in Addis Ababa on 4 June 2004 (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Communiqué of the 11th meeting of the Peace and Security Council

The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), meeting in its eleventh meeting, on 4 June 2004, considered the situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). On that occasion, the PSC listened to the representatives of the DRC and Rwanda.

At the end of its deliberations, the PSC adopted the following communiqué:

A. ON THE SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC)

Council,

1. **Expresses** its grave concern over the prevailing situation in Bukavu and in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in general;

2. **Strongly condemns** the occupation, on 2nd June 2004, of the city of Bukavu by dissident soldiers of the new Congolese National Army, as well as the acts of looting, rape and massive violations of human rights that accompanied the occupation of the city;;

3. **Further condemns** any act of incitement of ethnic hatred and any other act likely to generate discord among the local communities;

4. **Urges** all the parties concerned to exercise restraint and to seek a peaceful solution to the current crisis through dialogue;

5. **Takes note** of the announcement by the mutineers of their decision to withdraw from Bukavu and **demands upon them** the immediate transfer of the administration of the province to the civilian and military authorities designated by the Government, in conformity with the letter and spirit of the Comprehensive and All-Inclusive Agreement and the Constitution governing the transition;

6. **Reiterates** AU's full support to the peace and reconciliation process in the DRC, as well as to the transitional institutions. In this respect, Council **underlines** the importance of bringing to a successful end the process of reestablishing the authority of the State over the whole Congolese territory, as well as the process of establishing a unified army and security services;

7. **Renews its support** to the United Nations Mission in Congo (MONUC) and welcomes the efforts being deployed by the Mission to restore peace and security in the country, in order to create conditions conducive to the successful conclusion of the transition process;

8. **Urges** the UN Security Council to increase the size of MONUC and to provide it with additional means, to enable it lend a more effective support to the peace process in tthe DRC and, in this regard, **requests** the AU Member States to stand ready to provide **troops to the** United Nations in order to strengthen MONUC;

9. **Appeals** to the Governments of the region, **in particular the DRC and Rwanda,** to work more vigorously towards the promotion of an atmosphere of confidence and dialogue and the strengthening of their relations, to facilitate the successful conclusion of tthe peace process in the DRC and the efforts of the international community to promote peace and stability in the region. Council **urges** the parties to scrupulously comply with the agreements they have signed, including the verification mechanisms that have been put in place;

10. **Welcomes** the decision of the Chairperson of the Commission to dispatch an Envoy to the DRC and Rwanda and encourages him, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, to take any other initiative he would deem necessary to overcome the current crisis, including in its humanitarian dimension, and to facilitate the successful conclusion of the peace process in the DRC.